



## COLLIN COUNTY

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To: Judge Self and Commissioners

From: Judy Florence, Myers Park & Event Center Manager

RE: Collin County Farm Museum Volunteer Information

The Collin County Farm Museum owes much gratitude to two of our volunteers, Roger Meier and Jeff Phelps. Both volunteers joined the museum in 2008 and have since contributed a combined total of 4,062 hours restoring artifacts such as the museum's tractors and farming equipment. In addition, they have taught the museum's unique Model T and Antique Tractor driving classes, and provide weekly tours. Both Jeff and Roger met while both were volunteers at the Railroad Museum where they were involved with the restoration of engines and dining cars. After leaving the Railroad Museum they heard about the Farm Museum and decided to offer their services here. Roger came to the museum with an electrical background and Jeff, a veteran, brought with him his background with Texas Instruments. Together, they balance each other with their expertise to complete many different types of restorations.

Jeff's step-son, Sid Daskam, joined the Collin County Farm Museum in 2013 and is under the tutelage of Jeff and Roger. He has since learned to drive several of the tractors and is gradually learning the art of restoration.

Randy Lucas joined the Collin County Farm Museum in 2014 and has successfully restored some of the museum's smaller artifacts, such as the historic fans, radios, and phonographs (like the Victrola). Randy currently works for Raytheon and brings his electrical expertise to the careful restoration of the museum's communications collection.

The museum's newest volunteer is Norman Frank who also works for Raytheon and is learning restoration from Jeff and Roger. Norm grew up on farms in the Midwest and is an excellent tractor driving instructor.

All these volunteers are irreplaceable assets to the Collin County Farm Museum, not only because they give tours and instruct classes, but because the museum and its artifacts would not exist as they do today without their skills and expertise.